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Gary K. Michelson

Filed: March 27, 2004

METHOD FOR INSTALLING DYNAMIC,
MODULAR, MULTILOCK ANTERIOR
CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM HAVING
DETACHABLY FASTENED ASSEMBLEABLE
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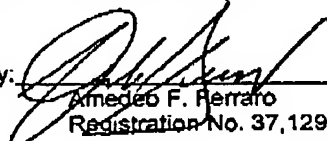
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Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 31, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.

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